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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI

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1. DURING AIRPORT MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR PARIS, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES ALONE WITH SECRETARY BEFORE OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 13 LUNCHEON TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN, THAT NO INTERPRETER WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS PRIVATE MEETING, AND THAT AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN WAS AWARE OF THIS REQUEST. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF THE MESSAGE, HE INDICATED IT WOULD DEAL WITH RECENT SOUNDINGS HE HAS TAKEN IN CAIRO WITH PLO AND OTHERS ON U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH PLO IF LATTER RECOGNIZED RESOLUTION 242. I ALSO GATHERED HE MAY PASS ON ONE OR TWO THOUGHTS HASSAN HAS ON HIS DECEMBER VISIT.

2. AT WORKING LUNCHEON, LARAKI INTENDS TO DISCUSS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS BRIEFLY, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY COOPERATION. HE WILL THANK SECRETARY FOR RECENT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT UNDER PL480, DESCRIBE THE CURRENT CEREALS SITUATION WHICH IS THE WORST IN TEN YEARS AND PROBABLY ASK FOR ADDITIONAL HELP IN THIS AREA.

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THE TWO REMAINING BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN OUR AID RELATIONSHIP ARE THE HOLIDAY INN CASE AND THE UNSETTLED LAND CASES. GOM, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER, LARAKI AND BENGELLOUN, IS CONFIDENT THEY WILL BE SETTLED BEFORE KING'S VISIT. IN LAND CASES, LARAKI HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED AND HAS HAPPILY MOVED AWAY FROM POSITION HE TOOK WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB LAST SPRING THAT NEGOTI-

TIONS SHOULD BE ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. AS WE KNOW, PRIME MINISTER INFORMED AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN THAT LETTERS WOULD BE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS INVITING THEM TO NEGOTIATE WITH GOM.

3. ON INTERNATIONAL FRONT, LARAKI WILL WISH TO HAVE TOUR D'HORIZON ON U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST, WHICH GOM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND ON SITUATION IN AFRICA. REGARDING ABORTED OAU SPECIAL SUMMIT ON THE SAHARA, LARAKI WILL PROBABLY SHOW SECRETARY COPY OF KAUNDA LETTER TO BONGO WHICH CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTING ON WHY FORMER CANNOT SPONSOR MEETING AND IN ADDITIONA POINTS OUT, THAT ONLY ALGERIA AND LIBYA REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY TO HIS REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLD THE SPECIAL SUMMIT. LARAKI MAY ALSO NOTE THAT INASMUCH AS OAU AT MOROCCAN REQUEST TO OAU PRESIDENT BONGO WILL BE CONSULTING MEMBERSHIP TO FIND ANOTHER LOCALE AND IS THEREFORE STILL SEIZED WITH QUESTION, LIKELIHOOD OF UNGA CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT IS MINIMAL. HE IS CLEARLY TOTALLY CONFIDENT SPECIAL SUMMIT WILL NOT BE HELD AND THEREFORE HAS NO INTENTION OF BLOCKING EFFORTS TO HAVE IT.

4. LARAKI CONFIRMED HE WOULD ARRIVE AT DULLES AT 1755 ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 VIA THE CONCORDE, AND LEAVE WASHINGTON ON THE CONCORDE AT 1315 ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. HE IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THOUGHTFULNESS
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